



NEWSLETTER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
7	8 MEETING ROCKDALE 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13
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NEWS

We will be meeting in Rockdale on July 8 at 7:00 pm. This is our annual Installation of officers event, and the meeting will include the spouses. It will start with a meal of Prime Rib and all the trimmings, followed by the installation ceremony.

The dress code for the installation has changed. It is as follows:

DARK SUIT, PLAIN WHITE SHIRT, WITH DARK TIE AND SOCIAL BALDRIC (DARK SUIT IS EITHER BLACK, BLUE, OR DARK GREY)

OR:

TUXEDO WITH PLAIN WHITE SHIRT, WITH DARK TIE AND SOCIAL BALDRIC.

Two of our three parishes have been assigned new priests. St Mary's and Holy Rosary will have Father Melvin Dornak, and St. Ann will have Father Joven Saavadra.

Our Brother Sir Knight Fran Thomas and wife Josephine has moved to an assisted living center in Kingwood, TX. His address is 919 Rockmead Dr. Apt 111, Kingwood TX. 77339.



New Official Regalia of the Fourth Degree:

1. Navy Blue Blazer with Fourth Degree Emblem Crest and Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order buttons
2. Official Fourth Degree Gray Trousers
3. Official Fourth Degree Necktie
4. Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge worn over the left eye. Rank/Officer patches can be ordered below.

Please see Color Corp Drill Manual for additional elements of the Regalia of the Fourth Degree.

The new regalia is to be worn as you would a business suit. The beret is worn with the fourth degree metal badge placed directly over the left eye. The right side of the beret folds down toward and over the right ear.

Some of President Trump's Pro Life Accomplishments

Appointed Pro-Life Judges

During the 2016 campaign, then-candidate Trump promised he would nominate pro-life justices to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the final presidential debate, Trump stated, "I am pro-life, and I will be appointing pro-life judges." President Trump has already made significant progress on this commitment to the Pro-Life Movement. In April, 2017, Judge Neil Gorsuch was successfully confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court. And in October, 2018, Judge Brett Kavanaugh was successfully confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court. To date, 160 of President Trump's judicial nominees have been confirmed, including two Supreme Court justices, thirty-seven Circuit Court judges, forty-one U.S. Courts of Appeals judges, and eighty District Court judges. Stopped Tax Dollars Funding Abortion Overseas

President Trump not only reinstated the Mexico City Policy, but expanded it to the new Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance program. This new policy ensures that our tax dollars are protected from funding the abortion industry overseas across ALL global health spending, not just family planning dollars. The Bush-era Mexico City Policy protected roughly \$500 million in spending – the new Trump policy protects over \$8.8 billion overseas aid from funding abortion.

Required Health Insurance Companies to Disclose if Plans Cover Abortion

The Trump Administration Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) issued a rule requiring that insurers specify in each plan Summary of Benefits whether the plan covers abortion. The administration also requested input on how to better enforce the limited abortion provisions contained in Obamacare. Until Obamacare is overturned and replaced with a system that does not subsidize abortion coverage, insurers must make abortion coverage clear to persons shopping for a plan.

Strong Pro-Life Appointments to Key Positions Including:

Vice President Mike Pence, Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Defunded the Pro-Abortion UNFPA

The UNFPA has long been complicit in China's oppressive population control activities, including birth limitation policies and forced abortions. President Trump's State Department cut U.S. Taxpayer funding to the UNFPA.

Settlements & New Rule Regarding HHS Mandate

The Departments of HHS, Treasury, and Labor issued two interim final rules, which means they took effect immediately, while allowing a comment period), that provide permanent, enforceable relief from the previous HHS mandate for both religious objectors, such as Little Sisters of the Poor, and moral objectors, such as Susan B. Anthony List. The new rule also exempts private employers and educational institutions that have sincerely held religious beliefs or moral objections against providing contraceptives or abortifacient drugs.

New Office for Conscience Protection at HHS

In May 2019, the Trump administration finalized new regulations to strengthen enforcement of federal laws protecting the conscience rights of health care workers who do not want to participate in abortion. The regulations clarify what recourse is available to victims of discrimination under the law and what penalties the HHS Office of Civil Rights may enforce for violations. Additionally, in January 2018, the Department of Health & Human Services announced the creation of the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within the Office for Civil Rights. This new office works to protect health care professionals who do not want to participate in abortion. In May, 2019, HHS issued a proposed rule amending Obama-era regulations, clarifying that Section 1557 shall not force a recipient of federal funding to provide or pay for an abortion. It shall also be consistent with the First Amendment and with pro-life provisions, conscience provisions and religious liberty protections in current law.

Cut Planned Parenthood's Tax Funding by up to \$60 Million

In February, 2019, the Trump administration finalized the Protect Life Rule to redirect Title X family planning program funds away from the abortion industry. The rule advances President Trump's promise to stop taxpayer funding of abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood, who will no longer receive Title X funding if they choose not to comply.

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